

# Canada Bluejoint

## *(Calamagrostis canadensis)*

**Natural Range:** Meadows, bogs and wet thickets throughout the Northeast and Lake States. Often found in solid stands as an understory plant in open, wet woods.

**Description:** Quite variable. Grows in dense tufts 1.5 – 5 feet tall. Seed heads are open, and nodding during flowering, becoming somewhat contracted as the seed ripens. Each flower has a small tuft of hair at the base. The foliage and stem are comparatively soft and lax. This grass gets its name from the bluish-purple stem nodes and slender, bluish leaves. Leaf blades have a rough surface. The roots have numerous creeping rhizomes. The seed heads are purplish-green during flowering. Mature seed are smooth, yellow-brown, ellipsoid, and about 1/16 inches long.

**Flowering:** June - August

**Seed Maturity:** July – Sept.

**Illustration:** <http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/othrdata/plntguid/species/calacana.htm>